



# News

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### WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of July 22 thru July 28, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 846 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

**ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER ACT GRANT (AFG)** – The Saint Paul Fire Department has been awarded an AFG grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for \$1,562,000 that we will share with the Minneapolis Fire Department for the purchase of firefighting turnout gear, turnout gear washers and dryers for the fire stations, and training on the growing problem of firefighter cancer. The City Council voted to accept this grant at their July 22 meeting.

**PEDESTRIAN STRUCK** - On July 23 at 9:59 a.m. on Lexington Pkwy North and Front Avenue a 6 year old girl was struck by a vehicle as she rode her bike. She was wearing a helmet. Paramedics treated and transported her to a nearby hospital.

**ARSON** - On July 24 at 2:34 a.m. on the 300 block of Hope Street fire companies were dispatched to a report of a vehicle fire. They arrived to find the exterior of a vehicle on fire and quickly extinguished it. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$2,264.



*A vehicle that was intentionally set on fire on the 300 block of Hope Street.*



A large tree fell on a house on the 700 block of Curfew on July 25. There were no injuries and no fire.

**STABBING** - On July 25 at 2:31 a.m. on Wacouta Street and 5<sup>th</sup> Street East a 30 year old man had been stabbed twice. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**DWELLING FIRE** - On July 26 at 1:41 a.m. on the 600 block of Montana Avenue East fire companies were called to a report of flames coming from the roof area of a dwelling. When they arrived, firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire, but not until the fire caused an estimated \$145,000 damages. Investigation revealed a junction of several wires was located in the knee wall space in the area of origin outside of a junction box.



**GUN SHOT WOUND** - On July 26 at 1:17 a.m. on the 700 block of Stewart Avenue a 36 year old man had been shot. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

**DOWNED POWER LINE** - On July 27 at 3:52 p.m. on the 1700 block of Marshall Avenue fire companies were called for a wire down in the alley. They found that an overhead power line had snapped and had fallen down onto other power lines and onto the ground. They checked the detached garage and dwelling with a thermal imager and found no fire damage but did some ventilation for smoke in the basement. Arcing had continued through the garage overhead wiring and terminated at the grounding rod on the other side of the garage. Additional arcing occurred by

the current following an overhead line into the house and damaged numerous wires in the basement and terminated at the grounding wire in the basement. Xcel Energy dealt with the downed power line and disconnected the electric service at the meter of the house. Damage is estimated at \$40,500 with damage of \$4,000 to the detached garage.

**ELECTRICAL FIRE** - On July 27 on the 1800 block of Roblyn Avenue fire companies were called to a report of fire coming from an electrical outlet. The occupant saw smoke and flames coming from an outlet and called 9-1-1. The electric switch was most likely defective. Damage is estimated at \$500.

**ARSON** - On July 27 at 10:26 p.m. on Robbins Street and Territorial Road fire companies were called to a report of a vehicle fire. They arrived to find a fully involved passenger compartment fire in a vehicle. They quickly extinguished it. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$4,500.



*An intentionally set fire caused \$4,500 in damage to this vehicle.*